

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
FULL BOARD MEETING
(CONFERENCE CALL)
HELENA, MONTANA
DATE: June 19, 2009
MINUTES**

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Members Present: Ms. Pat Bollinger, Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim, Ms. Carole Erickson, Dr. Arthur Fink, Dr. Anna Earl, Mr. Dwight Thompson, Dr. James Upchurch, Dr. Michael LaPan, Dr. Dean Center

Members Absent: Mr. Patrick Boylan, Dr. Kristin Spanjian, Ms. Kay Bills-Kazimi

Staff Present: Ms. Jean Branscum, Ms. Anne O'Leary, Mr. Jerry Morse, Mr. Ken Threet

Guests Present: Representative Mary Caferro

Item #1: Call to Order

Dr. James Upchurch called the meeting to order and Ms. Jean Branscum read the roll call.

Item #2: Review of Agenda:

Ms. Jean Branscum informed the Board that item's number five and seven would not be addressed in the meeting.

Item #3: Open Forum: Public Comment

Dr. James Upchurch read the public comment statement. There were no comments from the public or guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT:

In accordance with 2-3-103(1), MCA, the Board will hold a public comment period. Please note that Open Forum is the public's opportunity to address the Board on any topic that is not on the agenda for this meeting. While the board cannot take action on the issues presented, the Board will listen to comments and may ask the issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for possible action by the Board. The Chairperson of the board will determine the amount of time allotted for public comment.

ITEM # 4: Rules Draft Review, HB 578 Montana Health Corps

Dr. Upchurch opened the item up for discussion. Ms. Jean Branscum questioned "New Rule 1 Definitions number six, stating that the word

occasional may need to be defined. The Board agreed that the word occasional would be viewed appropriately and with the limited number of anticipated applications, a definition is not necessary. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim questioned New Rule 9 concerning referrals to the program and asked how the referrals would be made. Ms. Anne O'Leary stated that the referrals would be addressed in the guidelines when they are completed. Ms. Jean Branscum suggested that in New Rule 7 number 2, the language be changed from the thirty day reporting requirement to ninety-days to be consistent with the other Board rule changes.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to notice the proposed new rules as amended. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 5: Guidelines Draft Review, HB 578 Montana Health Corps

ITEM # 6: Application Draft Review, HB 578 Montana Health Corps

The Board had discussion on whether or not to require Health Corps registration applicants to provide the results of a National Practitioner Data Base self query. The Board agreed that a self query would not be required to accompany the application. Dr. Dean Center presented some suggested changes on the application information pages. The changes combine the "Additional Forms and Documents" sections, and combine the "Application Procedures and Processing Procedures" sections as they essentially contain the same information.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to review the application at the next Board meeting with the suggested changes. Dr. James Upchurch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 7: Web Site Logo Review

ITEM # 8: Determine Next Steps

- Actions needed
- Assignments

Ms. Jean Branscum asked the Board for suggestions on how they wanted to review the guidelines when they are drafted. The Board agreed that the guidelines will be sent to Dr. Fink who will share the guidelines with the committee members via e-mail for review and propose the drafted guidelines to the Board at the next meeting. The Board agreed that the guidelines would also be sent to Dr. Michael Sirr and Representative Mary Caferro for review.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Carole Erickson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.